

KENTUCKY BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes
February 21, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors was held on February 21, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. the Office of Occupations and Professions, 911 Leawood Drive, Frankfort, KY.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Martin Wesley
Karen Diane Reed
Dr. Sandra Parks
Dr. John Rigney

OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS STAFF

Ms. Diana Jarboe, Board Administrator

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Daya Sandhu
Mr. Christopher Griffith
Dr. Kim Naugle

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. James Grawe, Assistant Attorney General

GUESTS

Jennifer Varner, LPCA applicant
Harriet Simms-Boone, LCSW, LPCA Supervisor
Ralph Crystal, LPCC, UK Counseling Department Representative
Matthew Fowler, LPCA Applicant
Alexis Custard, LPCA applicant
Consondra Loughran, LPCA applicant
Lucious Pearce, LPCA applicant
Jan Ulrich, State Suicide Prevention Coordinator
Karen Cook, KCA Executive Director
Angela Wilkins, KCA representative
Gordon Slone, O&P Executive Director

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Wesley called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

GUESTS

Prior to the applicants wishing to address the board with regard to application issues, Mr. Grawe explained the procedures as they related to the possibility of an appeal being filed. All applicants were informed that the board members hearing their presentations today could potentially be the same members that would be sitting on a hearing panel at a later date.

Jennifer Varner – Ms. Varner's application had been previously denied. Mr. Crystal, representative of the counseling department at the University of Kentucky, attended the meeting with her. Mr. Crystal was able to speak to the Board about the curriculum of the specific courses for which Ms. Varner's application had been denied. Following discussion with Mr. Crystal and further review of the application, Dr. Rigney made a motion that Ms. Varner's application be approved. Dr. Parks seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Alexis Custard – Ms. Custard's application had previously been denied. The information provided to the Board by Mr. Crystal was also relevant to Ms. Custard's application. Following discussion with Mr. Crystal and further review of the application, Dr. Parks made a motion that Ms. Custard's application be denied, as she lacks fulfillment of area 4. Dr. Rigney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m., the guests in attendance were asked to leave the room for a confidential discussion regarding proposed or pending litigation with Lucious Pearce, LPCA applicant and then Consondra Loughran, LPCA applicant who both attended the meeting at the Board's request. Mr. Pearce and Ms. Loughran explained the nature of their prior legal matters. Dr. Parks motioned to approve the LPCA application of Lucious Pearce, Dr. Rigney seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Dr. Parks then motioned to approve the LPCA application of Consondra Loughran, Ms. Reed seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Jan Ulrich – Ms. Ulrich is the State Suicide Prevention Coordinator with the Kentucky Division of Behavioral Health who attended the meeting to begin planning how the LPC Board, along with other Board's, will follow the new requirement of continuing education in suicidal prevention as mandated in Senate Bill 72 that passed in 2013. Ms. Ulrich informed the Board that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services will collaborate with the Board on courses that will be acceptable for this new requirement. Furthermore, the Bill does require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to develop a model list of training programs. The Board members are in agreement that the Board will comply with this model and will promulgate administrative regulations to implement the specific suicide prevention training requirements.

Angela Wilkins and Karen Cook – Ms. Wilkins and Ms. Cook attended the meeting to discuss Senate Bill 61 that has been proposed by the Board of Fee-Based Pastoral Counselors. The Board members agreed that the Board's main conflict of the Bill is the language which excludes others to use the licensure acronym of LPC, since LPCC's and LPCA's are often referred to as LPC's. After some discussion, Mr. Grawe reminded the Board members of the separation necessary between state boards and state associations and recommended to let KCA move forward with any actions regarding Senate Bill 61 as an entity separate from the LPC Board.

MINUTES

Dr. Parks made a motion to approve the January 17, 2014 minutes. Ms. Reed seconded the motion and the motion carried.

BOARD MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was reviewed and accepted.

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS REPORT

Mrs. Jarboe reviewed the memorandum from Gordon Slone, the Executive Director of the Office of Occupations and Professions including the vacant positions of an Administrative Assistant II and a Resource Management Analyst II, as well as the addition of a new Board Administrator, Vickie Logan who is transferring from the Fiscal section of the O&P office. Ms. Jarboe also reported the continued progress of the database/on-line licensure renewal project, the budget process, and the 2014 General Assembly.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board had some discussion of the law passed previously requiring continuing education in the area of domestic violence. The Board will further discuss this requirement and the tracking of this at the next Board meeting.

The Board received correspondence from Dr. Bill Braden, past Executive Director of KCA, requesting the Board to adopt a regulation for retired licensees to maintain a retired licensure status. The Board has already included such language in the current regulation draft.

Dr. Rigney motioned for the Board to pay the travel expenses for any Board members who attend the American Mental Health Counseling Association Conference in July 2014. Dr. Wesley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Prior to the Board meeting, the Board members received a copy of the Governor's proposed biennial budget regarding the fiscal year 2015-2016. Because of the historical fund transfers from the LPC Board to the general state fund, the Board members will discuss budget options including the possibility of lowering licensure fees at the next Board meeting.

COMPLAINTS/OTHER LEGAL MATTERS

The following cases are ongoing:

- 13-KMPC-0800
- 2013-01
- 2013-05
- 2013-06
- 2013-07 A&B
- 2013-10
- 2013-11
- 2013-14
- 2014-03

- 2014-04
- 2014-05

The Complaints Committee motioned to dismiss case 2013-03. The Board performed a thorough investigation and found no violation of law on part of the licensee. Ms. Reed seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Complaints Committee motioned to dismiss case 2013-12 for lack of evidence proving any violation of law on part of the licensee. Dr. Parks seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Complaints Committee motioned to dismiss case 2013-13 for lack of evidence proving any violation of law on part of the licensee. Ms. Reed seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Complaints Committee motioned to dismiss case 2014-01 for lack of evidence proving any violation of law on part of the licensee. Ms. Reed seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Complaints Committee motioned to dismiss case 2014-02 for lack of evidence proving any violation of law on part of the non-licensee. Ms. Reed seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The following application(s) remain on appeal: Mark Deaton

There is a hearing scheduled, on April 17, 2014, at 9:00am at the Office of Occupations and Professions in Frankfort, KY. Mr. Rigney made a motion to allow the hearing to be heard before a panel of the Board. Dr. Parks seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEW

A motion was made by Dr. Rigney, seconded by Ms. Reed, and carried to take the following actions:

LPCA APPLICATIONS

The following applications for LPCA were approved: Geneva Bradshaw, Jeannie Cain, Sally Carter, Jason Coffey, Ashley Cornett, Laurrelle Couch, Adam Dickson, Jinnifer Discher, Tina Ebenstein, Erin Ferreira, Matthew Fowler, Amy Gray, Amanda Hamilton, Kristina Hayden, Sarah Herzog, Victoria Hubbard, Hannah Johnson, Christopher LaFever, Patricia Leigh, Robert May, Ilena Mitchell, Hayley Nantz, Alexandra Peters, Erik Plymale, Loretta Puckett, LeaAnn Reeves-Gollihue, Brittany Renaker, Tilor Rohr, Kristen Shroyer, April Smith, Lisa Sowers, Brandon Swaggart, Gina Turner, Derrick Wagoner, and Diana Wilder-Bennett.

The following LPCA applications were approved, pending submission and approval of a supervisory agreement: Katherine Beard, April Bennett, Kelly Ann Bondie, Deborah Dodsworth, Cassandra Edinger, Racheal Parsons, and Juda Sparks Cotton.

The LPCA application for Margaret Burner-Harvey was deferred. She is requested to appear at the February meeting.

LPCA SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS

The following supervisory agreements were approved: Erica Adams, Karla Cox, Lauren Downey, Georgia Dunn, Frank Hawkins, Trisha Kraal, Dwayne Mollison, Monique O'Neal, Debra Redden, Jessica Thomasen, and Lisa Wolfinbarger.

LPCC APPLICATIONS

The following applications for LPCC were approved: Ashley Anderson, Audra Boggs, Pamela Carey, Sandra Dennis, Rhonda Fessel, Virginia Gilpin, Stephanie Law, Aaron Meriweather, Kelli Morrow, Kristal Mullins, Virginia Reczek, Samantha Upshaw-Maxey, and Haley Walker.

REINSTATEMENT APPLICATIONS

The following LPCA applications for reinstatement were approved: Deborah Allen, Susan Bramel, Julene Hopper, Casey Mason, Jackie Newman, Danielle Shisler, and Lucille Smith.

The following applications for LPCC were approved for reinstatement: Carl David Brooks, Jennifer Davis, Julie Garland, Rosemary Grimes, Jeffrey Huffman, Joel Thompson, and Sarah Wright.

APPLICATIONS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

The following applications for Continuing Education were approved:

Providers:

Alan Bakes – Approaches to Supervision for Professional Counselors
Asbury Theological Seminary – Theory & Strategies for Changing Brain Pathways in Distressed Clients
Bluegrass.org – Adolescent Substance Abuse
Bluegrass.org – Jail Triage Lessons Learned
Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center – Creating Rainbows
Grey Counseling Services – Darkness to Light/Child Sexual Abuse Prevention
Interactive CE Training – The DSM-5: Diagnosing Psychological & Emotional Disorders
Interactive CE Training – Working with Suicidal Clients: Core Practice Factors
Mebs & Associates – Basics of Reality Therapy for Practical Use
NorthKey – Attachment in Early Childhood: An Overview of Relationship Development and Clinical Interventions for Young Children
The Ridge Behavioral Health Systems – A Guide for Reporting Child Abuse, Neglect, or Dependency, Preventing Suicide: Early Identification, Referral, and Follow-Up
RiverValley – Treatment Planning From a Choice Theory Perspective
RiverValley – Trauma Informed Community Care
Southeast KY Area Health Education – KY Association for Gerontology 2014 Conference
Southeast KY Area Health Education – Professionals Elder Abuse Awareness Conference
UK Human Development Institute – DSM-5: Changes and Implications for Rehabilitation
WKMHCA – Images in the Sand: Using Sandtray with Clients and in Supervision

A motion was made by Dr. Rigney, seconded by Dr. Parks, and carried to deny the following applications:

The LPCA application for Shanna Williams-Prater was denied for lacking 60 graduate semester hours in the 9 core areas.

The LPCA application for Alexis Custard was denied for lacking fulfillment of area 4 of the 9 core areas.

The LPCA application for Georgette Marlow was denied for having only 42 acceptable graduate semester hours in counseling.

The LPCA application for Marc Krank was denied for lacking 60 graduate semester hours in the 9 core areas.

The LPCA application for Chandra Reber was denied for lacking fulfillment of area 3 of the 9 core areas and lacking a course in ACA ethics.

The continuing education course application for Social Work Values & Ethics: A Review of the NASW Code provided by Cumberland Hall Hospital was denied for lacking content applicable to Counselors.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Dr. Parks moved for approval of travel and per diem. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rigney. The motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the LPC board scheduled for Friday, March 21, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Board office.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business being brought before the board, Dr. Rigney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Reed seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By
Diana Jarboe
March 4, 2014